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Applicant:	Victor T. Chen et al.	Examiner:	Frances Oropeza
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 16, 2003, Applicant elects, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I (claims 1, 3 - 13, 30, 31 and 33 - 43).

Applicant respectfully asserts that at least claim 1 is a linking claim, in accordance with MPEP § 809, that links the claims in the groups (Group I, II, III, IV, V and VI) identified in the Office Action.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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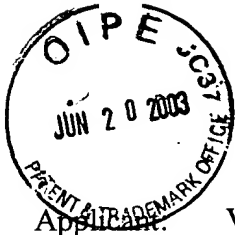
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